

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2579 - HB 2527**

February 13, 2002

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Injuries caused by domestic abuse that are voluntarily reported by health care practitioners to the Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics, when examining a patient, would not have to be reported to the chief of police, sheriff, or the district attorney general. Under current law, all hospitals, clinics, sanitariums, doctors, physicians, etc. giving aid to someone injured by violent means must immediately report such incident to the chief of police, sheriff, or district attorney.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000**

**Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000**

Assumes less cases of assault resulting from domestic violence will be reported, investigated and convicted.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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